

## **REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the Divisional Application enclosed herewith. The Divisional Application is based on and claims the priority of the patent application having U.S. Serial No. 10/125,447 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. serial no. 10/021,724 filed December 12, U.S. Serial No. 10/079,670, filed February 20, 2002, U.S. serial no. 09/973,442, filed October 9, 2001, U.S. serial no. 09/981,072, filed October 16, 2001, U.S. serial no. 09/631,851, filed August 3, 2000, U.S. serial no. 09/732,134, filed December 7, 2000. The patent application having U.S. serial no. 10/125,447 also is based on and claims priority to U.S. provisional applications, serial nos. 60/354,552, filed February 6, 2002, and 60/361,509, filed March 4, 2002.

The amendments contained in this Preliminary Amendment should be considered prior to calculating the filing fee.

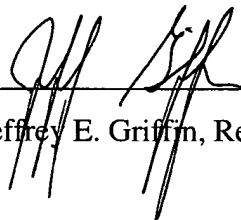
By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 38 has been amended, claims 1-32 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 41-69 have been added. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 33-69 will be pending in the present Divisional Application.

All claim amendments and new claims are fully supported throughout the specification and figures. For example, the Examiner's attention is directed to pages 14-17 of the specification and the associated figures. However, support for the new claims, as well as the other current claim amendments, is provided throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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